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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

## **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. - 19. (CANCELLED)

- 20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A fiber optic cable binder comprising:
  - a flexible material; and
  - a physically detectable feature within the flexible material,
- wherein said physically detectable feature is detected detectable by an automated detection system during installation of said binder.
- 21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fiber optic cable binder of Claim 20, wherein said detectable feature is repeated at a regular interval along a length of said binder.
- 22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fiber optic cable binder of Claim 20, wherein the physically detectable feature is a fluorescing element.
- 23. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fiber optic cable binder of Claim 20, wherein the physically detectable feature is a color.

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24. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fiber optic cable binder of Claim 20, wherein the physically detectable feature is a magnetic or metal strip.

25. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fiber optic cable binder of Claim 20, wherein the physically detectable feature is an identifiable marking.

31 (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A fiber optic cable comprising the binder set forth in claim 20.

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38. (CANCELLED)

39. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A fiber optic cable, comprising:

an outer jacket;

at least one optical fiber within said outer jacket; and

a binder positioned between said at least one optical fiber and said outer jacket, wherein said binder comprises:

a flexible material; and

a plurality of physically detectable features which are positioned at least one of on and within said flexible material,

wherein said plurality of physically detectable features are detected detectable by an automated detection system during manufacture of said cable.

- 40. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fiber optic cable of Claim 39, wherein said detectable feature is repeated at a regular interval along a length of said binder.
- 41. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fiber optic cable of Claim 39, wherein the physically detectable feature is a fluorescing element.
- 42. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fiber optic cable of Claim 39, wherein the physically detectable feature is a color.

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43. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fiber optic cable of Claim 39, wherein the physically detectable feature is a magnetic or metal strip.

44. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fiber optic cable of Claim 39, wherein the physically detectable feature is an identifiable marking.

45. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A fiber optic cable binder, comprising:

a flexible material; and

a plurality of physically detectable features which are positioned at least one of on and within said flexible material,

wherein said plurality of physically detectable features are detected detectable by an automated detection system during manufacture of said cable.

46. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fiber optic cable binder of Claim 45, wherein said plurality of detectable features are repeated at a regular interval along a length of said binder.

47. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fiber optic cable binder of Claim 45, wherein the physically detectable features are a fluorescing element.

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The fiber optic cable binder of Claim 45, wherein 48. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) the physically detectable features are a color.

- 49. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The fiber optic cable binder of Claim 45, wherein the physically detectable features are a magnetic or metal strip.
- The fiber optic cable binder of Claim 45, wherein 50. (Previously Presented) the physically detectable features are an identifiable marking.
- A fiber optic cable comprising the binder of claim 51. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) 45.